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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 May 2008.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 31-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 31,33 and 35 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 32 and 34 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ . |
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

The amendment filed on 5/19/08 has been considered. Applicant's arguments are deemed to be persuasive. All previous rejections are withdrawn.

Claims 31-35 are pending.

Clarification of restriction requirement

The restriction requirement mailed 9/18/07 stated that each peptide was not an election of species but each was restricted into groups. In response, applicant elected Group I with SEQ ID NO. 8. In the action mailed 12/18/07, the Examiner after determining that no art was found on SEQ ID NO. 8 inadvertently moved on to SEQ ID NO. 2. This should not have been done because each peptide was restricted into groups. However, this was done, and applicant cancelled SEQ ID NO. 2 in response to the previous action. In order to be fair to applicant, the Examiner has now expanded the search to SEQ ID NO. 7. Therefore, the restriction requirement has been modified as follows: Everything in the action of 9/18/07 remains the same except for the following paragraph:

Upon the election of Groups I, III-V, applicant is also required to select one of the following 58 groups. Please note that this is NOT an election of species, but a restriction requirement. Thus, applicant must elect one group from the above and one group from the following:

A-Z SEQ ID NO. 2-27, respectively
AA-AZ SEQ ID NO. 28-53, respectively
BA-BF SEQ ID NO. 54-59, respectively.

This paragraph has been changed to:

Upon the election of Groups I, III-V, applicant is also required to select one of the following 56 groups. Please note that this is NOT an election of species, but a

restriction requirement. Thus, applicant must elect one group from the above and one group from the following:

A. SEQ ID NO. 2, 7 and 8

B. SEQ ID NO. 3

C. SEQ ID NO. 4

D. SEQ ID NO. 5

E. SEQ ID NO. 6

H-Z. SEQ ID NO. 9-27, respectively

AA-AZ SEQ ID NO. 28-53, respectively

BA-BF SEQ ID NO. 54-59, respectively.

Applicant is reminded that in the currently pending claims only SEQ ID NO. 7 and 8 have been examined and that SEQ ID NO. 6 and 9 are directed to non-elected inventions.

New Grounds of Rejection

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

Claims 31, 33 and 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Straten et al WO 2004/089980 (priority to 4/11/03).

This reference discloses SEQ ID NO. 146 which is the same as applicant's SEQ ID NO. 7.

Claim Objections

Claims 31-35 are objected to because of the following informalities: These claims contain non-elected subject matter--ie SEQ ID NO. 6 and 9. Appropriate correction is required.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sheela J. Huff whose telephone number is 571-272-0834. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30am to 1:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Larry Helms can be reached on 571-272-0832. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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